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Arrested Cat Burglar Confesses Series of North Torrance Raids

Admits More Than 20 Forays Which Netted Exactly \$316

Outstanding cooperation between Torrance and Gardena police officers this week nabbed a marauding cat burglar whose nightly forays had been terrorizing homeowners in both cities.

Gardena police, Monday, arrested Jimmy L. Lybyer, 25, of 14914 S. Western Ave. when he was found hiding in a parked car on 180th St.

Lybyer answered a description circulated by Torrance officers of a suspect

in numerous cat burglaries in northern portions of the city. When questioned, he readily broke down and confessed to a housebreaking spree that lasted for more than three months and included more than 20 homes in Torrance and innumerable raids into homes in nearby cities. The 20 Torrance raids netted him exactly \$316, he ruefully admitted.

SIMPLE MO
Chief of Police Percy

Bennett, commenting upon the capture, said, "His method of operation was simple. He would walk along the street, trying front doors. When he found one unlocked he would slip silently inside, go into the bedroom where the occupants were asleep and grab purses, wallets and other valuables. Once outside, he would clean out the wallets and throw them on the lawn.

"We cannot emphasize

strongly enough that homeowners should lock their doors before retiring. If the doors are locked the cat burglar will not attempt to enter."

Chief Bennett pointed out that both Lybyer and another suspected cat burglar, apprehended last month in Gardena, had started their forays in Torrance. Intensity of patrolling had driven both of the suspects out of the city, both admitted.



FAMILY SUPPORT—Bert Lynn, president of the Torrance Planning Commission and outspoken critic of present school board policies, today announced his candidacy for a post on the board. Three seats will be vacated and the April 18

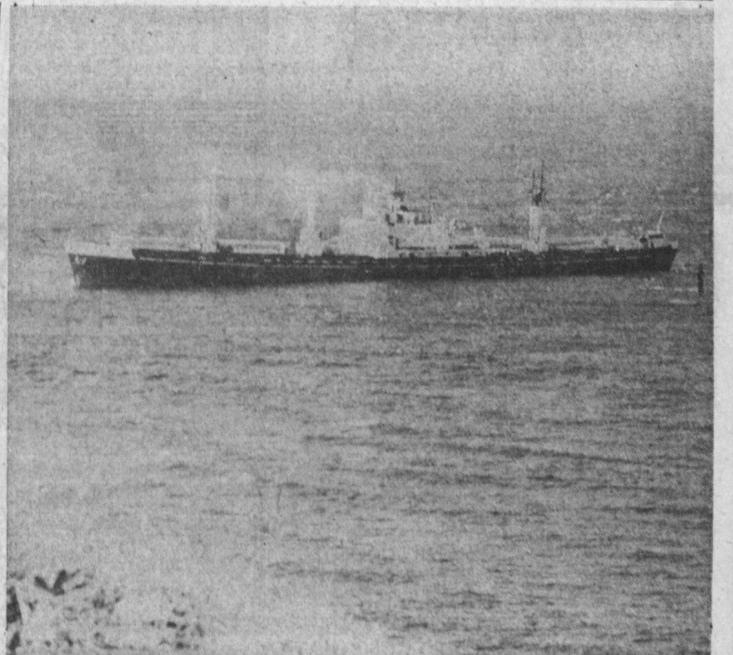
election will determine which of eleven candidates for the offices, including the three incumbents, will occupy the positions. Deadline for filing for the race is tomorrow evening.

Expectant Mother Hurt in Crash

An expectant mother was hospitalized Tuesday afternoon following a traffic collision at Hawthorne and Emerald with two teen-aged girls who were also injured.

Mrs. Anne Homel, 27, of 4563 Mindora Drive, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for observation where her condition was described as satisfactory by attending physicians. Her baby is expected in two weeks.

Car driven by Mrs. Homel was struck by another driven by Mary Guin Ahee, 17, of 18819 Yukon St. Both the driver and her passenger, Carolyn Sexton, 17, of 18217 Gravela, were treated for severe bruises and lacerations.



HARD AGROUND—A fourth try at refloating the grounded Greek freighter Dominator, on the rocks off Palos Verdes Peninsula, failed yesterday morning despite efforts of tugs and Coast Guard to back the ship off the reef. The grain-laden ship ran aground

Monday night on its way into the Port of Los Angeles for refueling. Crew of 30 and ship's officers are still aboard the stricken vessel and will continue to try refloating the ship at each high tide.

THROWS HAT IN RING . . .

Outspoken Critic of School Policies Announces Candidacy for Board Post

Bert M. Lynn, Torrance businessman and an active participant in community affairs, today filed as a candidate in the April 18 race for a seat on the local board of education.

Lynn, one of the community's most outspoken critics of the Torrance school administration policies, resides at 1208 Greenwood Ave. with his wife, Lilyan, and their two sons, Brian, 12, and Bart, 7.

A resident of Torrance since 1946, he was born April 6, 1917 in Mount Vernon, New York. He moved to California in 1938 and served with the Navy in the Pacific during the second world war. He operated Lynn Brick Works in Torrance for eight years and, in 1954, started his present development and commercial enterprises here.

PLANNING HEAD

A graduate in ceramic engineering from Alfred University, Lynn was appointed to the Torrance Planning Commission seven years ago and has headed that body as president for the past five years.

The candidate has been active in fund drives and youth activities, including Community Chest, is a charter member of the City of Hope, United Jewish Welfare, Shoemaker School Therapy Pool Fund, YMCA, and Century Club. He has served as vice president and director of the

Southern California Planning Commission.

The Lynns are members of Temple Beth-El, San Pedro, and Temple Menorah, Redondo Beach. He has been a member of the BPO Elks for 20 years.

ASKED TIME LIMIT
Last October Lynn successfully headed a movement against a school district tax over-ride because it carried no time limit. He did not oppose such an issue, with a three-year time limit, when it passed in March.

Torrance Youngster Dies After Fall From Pt. Fermin Cliff Path

A ten-year-old Torrance youngster died Sunday when he fell from a cliff into the ocean at Point Fermin Park in San Pedro.

Accompanied by his parents, the boy, Donald H. Simpson, of 20110 Entradero Ave., was on a hike along the cliffside path when he slipped and fell over the edge.

The boy's father, Wayne Simpson, 40, and a bystander, Charles Arnold of Gardena, swam to the youngster's assistance but strong currents kept them from bringing him to shore. They attempted to keep his head above water and managed to stay afloat until a small boat operated by Pat Eggebrecht of Stanton picked them up.

Lifeguards at a nearby beach attempted to administer artificial respiration but were unsuccessful. The boy was pronounced dead at San Pedro Receiving Hospital.

Lynn has been outspoken concerning the need for a strong school board policy, and was the "citizen" who requested the formation of a Citizens' Committee to examine the financial structure of the school district.

A report, compiled by this committee, has suggested several economy measures that could be adopted by the board, school board members have admitted. Report in its entirety has not been released by the board.

District Meet For Rotarians

South Bay Rotary clubs will act as hosts at the fourth annual district conference for Rotarians today and tomorrow at the Plush Horse Restaurant.

Torrance, El Segundo, San Pedro, Wilmington and Hollywood Riviera clubs will sponsor portions of the two-day conference.

More than 2500 Rotarians from throughout the district have been invited to attend the meet.

Lucky Ticket Holder Buys 99-Cent Auto

Mrs. Brownie Humphrey, of 811-D South Catalina St., Redondo Beach, whose lucky ticket Number 6866 was drawn Saturday afternoon, was the excited purchaser of a beautifully reconditioned 1953 Chevrolet sedan for the monumental price of 99-cents.

The well-kept car, valued at about \$500 was the top prize given away by downtown Torrance merchants and Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo Ave. during the mammoth three-day Hog Wild Sale, carried exclusively in the pages of The Torrance Press, which concluded last weekend.

Automobile was furnished by Paul's Chevrolet in cooperation with the downtown merchants.

Tickets were given away by each of the participating merchants and each entitled the bearer to a chance to buy the auto for just 99 cents. Lucky ticket holder had to be present to purchase the car immediately.

Holdup Suspect's Arraignment Set for March 31; Bail Is \$15,750

Grady A Webb, held for trial as the bandit who robbed Lucky Market, 3860 Sepulveda, of more than \$16,000 last month, will be arraigned March 31 in Inglewood Superior Court.

The 43-year old ex-convict is being held in county jail in lieu of \$15,750 bail, set Monday during the preliminary hearing by Judge Donald Armstrong of the South Bay Municipal Court.

Webb is accused of being the gunman who robbed the store manager during a daring daylight holdup after posing as a deputy district attorney from the Long Beach office.

He was arrested in Las Vegas with most of the loot taken in his possession. He was returned to Torrance for trial only after a long and involved legal skirmish.

ACTOR APPEARS
Eddie Shaw, 1957 graduate of Torrance High School and currently an actor on television, will attend the one-act play festival tomorrow night at his alma mater.

Shaw was active in dramatics at Torrance High while there and has appeared on several TV shows since his graduation.



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DAY OFF FOR STUDENTS . . .

Business-Industry-Education Program Starts Tomorrow for Torrance Teachers

All Torrance elementary and high school students will have a holiday from school tomorrow, as their teachers visit 67 local firms as part of the Business-Industry-Education program.

More than 1000 teachers are slated to take part in the program sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the school district. It is designed to help teachers understand the problems of private enterprise and see how it operates. Businessmen also have visited schools in alternate years as part of the same program.

Teachers will meet at South High gym at 9 a.m. to hear a keynote address by the president of El Camino College, Dr. Stuart Marsee. Also taking part in the ceremonies will be Chamber President William Shawyer, Mayor Albert Isen and School Superintendent J. H. Hull.

The Rev. Fr. Michael McNulty will give the invocation, while the Rev. William Schatz will give the benediction.

After the opening program, teachers will be taken to various businesses to learn about operations. Firms taking part will be:

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